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Chapter FL1-A2 Information

General Membership Meeting
Second Thursday monthly
At
Golden Corral Buffet
Dinner at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

Supper Rides Every Third Thursday

Dinner Social Every Fourth Thursday

We miss you when you're not there!
Welcome to all visitors and new members!!!
We're glad you're with us!!!

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Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge



ED GOLDLINE

Hi fellow Canopy Road Cruisers,

They say time fly's for those having fun. Boy I must be having a ball. It's hard to believe its June already.

Once again we have had some very good rides this month.

We had to miss last week ends as our daughter had surgery in Apollo Beach and Leucetia spent ten days there. I rode her trike to Tampa so the kids could remind me that I 'am trying to kill their mother. Like I control anything she does. The daughter is home and doing well, and Leucetia has started her summer of having the grand children come for a week or two each.

This week end we went to Panama City Beach (Fair Grounds) to check out the new site for the Bandit Getaway. The Saturday ride was to be there, but the rain caused us to have to cancel it, so we took the car instead.

More on that at the meeting Thursday night. (Which will be the first Thursday this month because of my work schedule)? Look for e-mail on that.

We have a lot of irons in the fire for fun things to do. The Mall Show, Bandit Getaway, Region Rally, our next Rally and next Years State Rally in March 2008.

Thanks Again Friends,

Ride Safe and Enjoy
Lenton and Leucetia Stephens



From: Jim Zumbrunn
Rider Educator

HOW TO MAKE YOURSELF A SAFER RIDER, PART I

By Mark Yager – yagermh@islandnet.com

Editor's Note: This is Part One in a series of safety articles by Mark Yager, a long-time motorcycle enthusiast, Mark is currently an instructor at the Canada Safety Council.

Slow Speed Riding

As much as we enjoy ripping down smooth, curvy roads devoid of traffic and radar guns we all know that the majority of our time is spent plodding through urban areas at low speeds: Trips to the mall, off to the grocery store, down the street to the video rental store, all clustered with traffic and "cages" (also knows as automobiles).

We deal with slow speed riding daily yet so few riders are adequately trained to properly deal with it. So we must remember that, as important as high-speed riding skills are, we can all benefit from slow-speed survival techniques as well.

My definition of slow-speed is about walking pace, and it's easy when you know a few tricks.

Proper Posture

Many riders are tempted to use body parts as balancing weights when riding slowly. Usually, this involves moving a knee away from the bike to counterbalance in a slow turn. If you do find yourself doing this, be prepared: Proper seating posture is very important. Sit comfortably on the bike and keep your knees against the tank. Try not to move around too much as this transfers weight around and provides steering input to the bike. And keep you feet on the footpegs.

Sighting

Failure to look ahead is one of the most common errors with slow speed riding. A good way to practice this is setting up cones about four yards (meters) apart and slaloming through them. Vary the distance between cones if your bike can't make it. As you are going between two cones, you should be looking at the part you want to take in the next gate, which should be about 3.0 to 5.0 yards (about 3-5 meters) ahead. Many riders look 3.0 to 5.0 feet (about 1.0 to 1.6 meters) ahead which causes them to be shaky. Looking the proper distance ahead gives your mind enough time to plan a route, so you don't have to make so many last-minute corrections. Force yourself to look far ahead. Try it, you'll be amazed how this technique will improve your slow-speed riding.

The Front Brake

Under normal conditions, the front brake is an invaluable tool for keeping your bike under control. However, at very slow speeds while the front wheel is turned, the front brake can be too strong to provide a smooth stop. I tend not to use the front brake at very low speeds. The rear has more than enough power to stop you at these speeds, just be careful not to shift around to get your foot on the brake pedal (if it isn't already, as it should be), or you'll upset the bike's balance.

Clutch Slipping

Another major key to slow speed control is the clutch. Most motorcycles have wet clutches, which means that the friction plates are bathed in oil to keep them cool. This means that slipping a clutch is not a problem for a short time. I have over 50,000 miles on my bike – the clutch has never been rebuilt and still works fine, even though I occasionally “slip” it. When riding at a speed that is slower than your idle will let you go, control your speed by pulling in the clutch past the friction point to disengage the engine from the rear wheel. The friction point is the point that the clutch just starts to ‘grab’ and transfer power to the rear wheel. When you feel unsteady because you are going so slowly you feel you almost have to put your foot down, then let out the clutch a bit to speed up until you're steady. You can do this for quite some time without hurting the clutch.

By putting these techniques into effect, you will ride at low speeds better than 80 per cent of other riders. I talk to police officers and other life-long riders who have never heard of these tricks, and many come back and tell me how much they have helped them.

The best way to learn any riding techniques, including these, is to take a Motorcycle Safety Foundation or Canada Safety Council rider's course. They will increase your confidence and skill immeasurably. Contact your local Motor Vehicle registration office for local contact numbers.

From The Chief Bandit's Hideout

by Jack Birge, Assistant District Director

GREETINGS FELLOW BANDITS

The contract has been signed for the **Florida Rally** to be held at last year's location in Kissimmee. If you weren't there, the host hotel is the **Radisson Worldgate Resort**, phone # (886) 705-7676. Call now to make your reservations keeping in mind **you do not have to be pre-registered for the rally to obtain rooms.** The rally dates are March 13-14-15, 2008. The theme is “**OLD TIME ROCK AND ROLL.**”

For those who might attend the Louisiana Rally next year, the date has been changed from the past year. Their rally has followed the Alabama Rally, but in 2008, it will be the weekend prior to Alabama's. The new dates are March 27-28-29 and Alabama's will be April 3-4-5.

Something new for WING DING this year, you do not have to be present to win the 50/25/25 drawings. You just put your name and address on the tickets and if the winner is not there the money will be mailed.

A change now in effect at the Home Office; if you have a change in your personal data on file, you, the member must call it in to get the info updated. No longer can your CD or myself take care of this.

During the past quarter there was a decline in the District numbers. A lot of members allowed their membership to expire for some reason or the other. Here in Bandit Country there were 34 of our family members out of a total 637 who did not renew on time. When your renewal notice comes in go ahead and renew at that time you do not have to wait until your due date. If you are late renewing, it can take up to 3 months to get back on the rolls to show you are current. On the other side of the page we had 25 new members join our family which helps offset the negative numbers. A GREAT BIG WELCOME TO YOU FOLKS.

There are a lot of events for you to attend and enjoy coming up, not only in your chapter, but District and Region wide. Check them out and we will see ya'll at some of them.

Jack & Betty
Florida Assistant Directors



No one can find the original charter after 25 years for the Canopy Road Cruisers. However, if you go to our website "The Canopy Road Cruisers" under "About Us" you will see a copy of the "Panama City News Herald" dated 4/25/1982 with a story about Sonny and Ann Rollo and their Gold wing. This article appeared just after their first charter in 1982. Sonny and some people in Panama City Florida got together and chartered chapter "L". Neither city had enough members to get a charter by themselves so they had to pool their resources. Sonny said within a few months Tallahassee had enough members to form chapter Q. No one liked the "Q" designation so later at a large rally in Georgia the group got together with The Florida District Director to express their desire to change the "Q" designation. They were told that all the Florida Chapter designations were going to change and that Tallahassee, "The Canopy Road Cruisers" became the FLA2 Chapter. This would later be changed to FL1- A2, which is our present designation.

Hope this get in next Wing World Mag. Sonny and Ann have devoted a lot of time and service to GWRRA and The Canopy Road Cruisers.

Down load their picture if you like.



2007 EVENTS

June 14-16	Georgia District Rally	Rome GA
Jul 4-7	Wing Ding	Billings MT
Aug 31-Sep 2	GWRRA 30 th Anniversary Party	Nashville TN
Sep 8	FL1-A Picnic/Auction	Tampa FL
Sep 13-15	Region A Rally	Perry FL
Oct 7	FL1-H Mall Bike Show	Daytona FL
Oct 11-13	Mississippi District Rally	Biloxi MS
Oct 13	FL2-N Rally/Fund Raiser	Cocoa Beach FL
Oct 19-20	Annual Panhandle Bandit Getaway	Panama City FL
Nov 3	FL1-X 4-Chapter Spaghetti Social	Orange Park FL
Nov 4	Ride For Kids, Sarasota Technical Institute	
Nov 10	FL1-L2 Rally/Poker Run	Brooksville FL
Nov 17	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St. Petersburg FL
Dec 15	FL1-S Mingle Jingle	Zephyrhills FL

2008 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

Jan 19	FL2-L Pirate Fest	Lakeland FL
Jan 26	FL1-O Annual Chilly Run	Crestview FL
Jan 27	FL2-N Five Chapter Breakfast	Cocoa Beach FL
Apr 5	FL1-B Annual Fun Day	Brandon FL

Apr 6	FL1-E2 Annual Charity Poker Run	Ft. Walton Bch FL
Apr 19	FL2-G 25 th Anniversary	Fort Myers FL
May 3	FL2-Z Night at the Oscars	Palm Beach FL
May 17	FL1-Y Rally/Poker Run	Jacksonville Bch FL
May 23-24	FL1-Y Rally/Poker Run	Gainesville FL
Nov 15	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St Petersburg FL

LOCAL DINNER RIDE SCHEDULE

<i>June Birthdays</i>		
Johnny Gargus – 6/1 Emma Wood – 6/20	Vanessa Shivers – 6/15 George McKee – 6/29	Linda Henley – 6/17

<i>June Anniversaries</i>		
Bob & Ann Lumsden – 6/3	Lenton & Leucetia Stephens – 6/23	Buck & Carol Harris – 6/25

<i>July Birthdays</i>		
Mike Share – 7/5		Sonny Rollo – 7/29

<i>July Anniversaries</i>		
Marvin & Jo Nell Culverson – 7/17		Jesse & Rita Hodsdon – 7/24

KUDOS

To our entire Chapter for a great “Campout”.

WELCOME

Invite your neighbors and friends to our meetings! We’d love to have them visit!!!

NEW BIKE CLUB

Someone out there needs a new bike? Don't they??

Notes From Last Meeting

What You Missed If You Weren't There:
By



Lenton Stephens
Various 1500 Parts
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